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Shipping Weight and Value; Customs District and Continent

This report presents statistics on U.S. exports and imports by air in U.S. Customs district by continent arrangement. Data have been compiled from Shipper's Export Declarations (Commerce Form 7525-V) and import entries during the regular processing of statistical data on foreign trade shipments. The Customs districts shown in this report are those having combined exports and imports by air valued at $1.5 million or more during the preceding calendar year. A complete list of Customs districts and ports is presented in Schedule D, Classification of U.S. Customs Districts and Ports for U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics, January 1, 1974 edition, as amended.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government and nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, shipments for economic assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. Armed Forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such with U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

The value reported in the export statistics generally is equivalent to a f.a.s. (free alongside ship) value at the U.S. port of export, based on the transaction price, including inland freight, insurance, and other charges incurred in placing the merchandise alongside the carrier at the U.S. port of exportation.

For security reasons, certain commodities are designated as Special Category commodities, for which security regulations place restrictions upon the export information that may be released. The data shown in this report for individual Customs districts and continents exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but overall shipping weight and value totals for Special Category commodities are shown. A list of Special Category commodities may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

The statistics on exports of domestic and foreign merchandise to countries other than Canada reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $251-$499, based on a 50-percent probability sample of such shipments. For exports to Canada the statistics reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued $2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $251-$1,999, based on a 10-percent probability sample of such shipments. Shipping weight and value data are also estimated for shipments valued under $251. These estimates are not included in the data shown for individual Customs districts.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The table on the following page provides a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability of value totals, on a 2 chances out of 3 basis. Usually, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors.

Inquiries concerning these figures should be addressed to the Chief, Foreign Trade Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233. Tel: Area Code 301, 763-5140.

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Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of:			
	under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%
$1,000,000 and over	.60	.75	.85	1.00
$500,000-$1,000,000	.20	1.00		
$100,000-$500,000	.30	.45	.70	1.00
$20,000-$100,000		.35	.70	1.00
Cells of under $20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from $3,000 to $15,000			

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
$100,000-$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
$20,000-$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under $20,000	Generally $500 to $5,000
Cells of $0	Generally less than $500

The sampling variability of shipping weight figures, in percentage terms, can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports, which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. Armed Forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The Customs value shown in this report represents the value of imports as appraised by the U.S. Customs Service in accordance with the legal requirements of Sections 402 and 402a of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended. It may be based on the foreign market value, export value, constructed value, American selling price, etc. It generally represents a value in the foreign country, and therefore excludes U.S. import duties, freight, insurance, and other charges incurred in bringing the merchandise to the United States. This valuation is primarily used for collection of import duties and frequently does not reflect the actual transaction value.

The statistics shown for individual Customs districts represent fully compiled data for shipments valued $251 and over. Data for shipments valued under $251, reported on formal and informal entries (informal entries generally contain items valued under $251), are estimated from a 1-percent sample for 1974. Separate shipping weight and value estimates for shipments valued under $251 are shown. The shipping weight data are estimated from the values on the basis of constants that have been derived from an observation of the value-weight relationships in past periods.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Value totals of $500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than 3 percent; value totals of under $500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than $50,000.

Table 1. Selected Customs Districts of Lading by Continent

(Data shown represent domestic and foreign merchandise. Shipments of Special Category commodities are excluded from all district and continent data. Estimated shipments valued under $251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)								Value (1,000 dollars)							
	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers...	135,496	(X)	26,810	15,580	65,922	21,310	2,795	2,368	1,041,151	(X)	112,269	70,528	558,696	239,034	30,975	19,319
U.S. flag carriers.....	(X)	50,041	10,018	5,094	24,664	8,529	809	595	(X)	385,275	50,894	21,826	197,831	97,680	8,307	5,452
Boston, Mass.....	4,435	2,065	716	34	3,556	45	48	37	42,344	17,126	4,997	160	34,638	961	1,089	498
Bridgeport, Conn.....	9	9	-	-	9	1	-	-	166	166	-	-	158	8	-	-
Ogdensburg, N.Y.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Buffalo, N.Y.....	511	438	455	-	52	2	-	2	3,966	3,698	3,874	-	73	15	-	3
New York City, N.Y.....	56,875	20,705	3,041	4,259	40,113	7,717	306	1,439	524,852	178,642	20,011	30,285	377,145	80,953	3,093	13,366
Philadelphia, Pa.....	1,163	860	109	416	554	45	8	30	6,083	3,653	755	1,492	2,981	644	40	171
Baltimore, Md.....	79	79	79	-	-	-	-	-	544	544	544	-	-	-	-	-
Wilmington, N.C.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charleston, S.C.....	40	8	(Z)	(Z)	32	7	-	-	282	99	1	1	183	98	-	-
Savannah, Ga.....	411	397	43	88	195	85	-	-	1,281	1,098	263	95	820	103	-	-
Tampa, Fla.....	140	52	122	17	1	-	-	-	265	66	220	30	16	-	-	-
Mobile, Ala.....	21	21	-	-	1	20	-	(Z)	225	225	-	-	8	213	-	3
New Orleans, La.....	498	77	469	28	-	1	-	-	1,298	399	1,151	117	-	29	-	-
Laredo, Tex.....	213	131	209	5	-	-	-	-	682	312	643	39	-	-	-	-
El Paso, Tex.....	229	226	229	(Z)	-	-	-	-	1,319	1,312	1,318	1	-	-	-	-
Nogales, Ariz.....	4	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	8	1	8	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles, Calif.....	9,395	3,993	501	210	3,761	4,138	717	68	112,153	34,407	3,298	2,492	38,183	58,663	8,651	866
San Francisco, Calif....	4,518	2,205	477	41	534	2,652	805	9	86,701	40,176	5,380	863	9,942	56,649	13,590	277
Portland, Oreg.....	130	130	46	-	83	-	-	1	2,911	2,911	610	-	2,297	-	-	4
Seattle, Wash.....	1,011	819	358	(Z)	270	370	5	7	12,372	6,397	2,584	5	5,494	3,992	39	257
Anchorage, Alaska.....	87	85	1	-	1	85	-	-	355	318	3	-	35	318	-	-
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	559	297	10	-	(Z)	295	254	-	2,538	1,577	194	-	7	883	1,454	-
Great Falls, Mont.....	30	30	30	-	-	-	-	-	498	498	498	-	-	-	-	-
Pembina, N. Dak.....	15	11	11	-	4	-	-	-	209	172	172	-	37	-	-	-
Minneapolis, Minn.....	214	210	74	-	-	140	-	-	2,968	2,955	856	-	-	2,112	-	-
Detroit, Mich.....	3,440	2,589	1,222	75	2,048	17	24	54	16,099	14,141	4,277	166	10,515	128	832	180
Chicago, Ill.....	14,028	6,737	3,219	11	8,126	2,480	10	183	90,938	45,267	19,931	107	47,231	22,495	56	1,118
Cleveland, Ohio.....	591	41	302	-	175	113	(Z)	1	3,440	427	1,500	-	1,395	539	2	4
St. Louis, Mo.....	140	118	11	(Z)	128	1	-	(Z)	956	736	87	2	849	10	-	8
San Juan, P.R.....	1,114	446	902	203	8	-	-	(Z)	3,008	1,434	1,962	504	481	-	-	61
Miami, Fla.....	16,278	6,052	7,782	8,089	358	11	-	37	55,878	18,890	22,829	29,631	3,209	77	-	132
Houston, Tex.....	2,132	659	621	313	601	444	7	146	11,357	3,172	3,016	892	4,052	2,412	45	940
Washington, D.C.....	514	146	11	95	399	6	(Z)	2	6,908	978	111	791	5,826	168	1	12
All other districts.....	74	70	65	-	9	-	-	-	251	196	187	-	64	-	-	-
Shipments under $251....	15,887	(NA)	5,692	1,696	4,904	2,637	609	350	37,965	(NA)	10,988	2,853	13,057	7,563	2,085	1,419
Special Category.....	711	333	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	10,330	3,285	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

- Represents zero. D Data withheld to avoid disclosure of information for security reasons. NA Not available. X Not applicable. Z Less than 500 pounds or $500.

Table 2. **Selected Customs Districts of Unlading by Continent**

(Estimated shipments valued under $251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers. Total columns include a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)								Value (1,000 dollars)							
	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers..	75,935	(X)	10,207	8,247	40,533	15,885	366	532	599,746	(X)	58,565	24,065	351,200	149,943	2,962	12,810
U.S. flag carriers.....	(X)	32,154	4,008	2,808	17,564	7,398	162	213	(X)	277,852	19,947	11,434	165,200	75,257	1,474	4,540
Boston, Mass.....	3,085	889	80	36	2,868	100	-	1	20,219	6,186	2,805	149	16,555	699	-	11
Bridgeport, Conn.....	1	1	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	32	31	29	(Z)	2	1	-	-
Ogdensburg, N.Y.....	33	-	32	-	1	-	-	-	19	-	1	-	18	-	-	-
Buffalo, N.Y.....	181	159	174	-	6	(Z)	-	1	3,093	2,081	2,819	-	259	14	-	1
New York City, N.Y.....	33,269	15,721	1,230	2,453	24,517	4,773	76	219	305,312	136,115	13,939	13,822	228,637	39,510	646	8,757
Philadelphia, Pa.....	927	598	26	474	418	9	-	1	7,733	3,733	155	2,699	3,572	175	-	1,132
Baltimore, Md.....	29	20	15	(Z)	7	7	-	-	388	308	288	4	74	22	-	-
Wilmington, N.C.....	12	(Z)	2	9	(Z)	-	-	-	182	6	167	9	6	-	-	-
Charleston, S.C.....	18	5	5	-	14	-	-	-	16	10	10	-	6	-	-	-
Savannah, Ga.....	32	28	7	1	23	(Z)	-	-	2,103	1,618	32	1	2,001	69	-	-
Tampa, Fla.....	49	5	46	-	3	(Z)	-	-	397	264	128	-	267	1	-	-
Mobile, Ala.....	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	(Z)	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	3	-	-	-
New Orleans, La.....	217	8	213	1	1	-	-	2	325	64	286	25	5	-	-	9
Laredo, Tex.....	106	50	104	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	1	-	437	108	431	(Z)	4	1	1	-
El Paso, Tex.....	27	16	14	-	5	7	(Z)	(Z)	763	541	463	-	117	168	2	13
Nogales, Ariz.....	11	11	11	-	-	-	-	-	62	50	62	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles, Calif.....	4,549	1,836	494	89	1,001	2,869	81	15	71,317	32,481	9,329	429	30,779	29,461	957	362
San Francisco, Calif...	4,144	2,597	49	12	238	3,748	95	1	61,666	34,496	1,061	60	3,350	56,222	967	6
Portland, Oreg.....	6	6	5	-	1	(Z)	-	-	22	21	21	-	1	(Z)	-	-
Seattle, Wash.....	996	848	70	-	154	764	8	-	12,563	9,295	3,261	-	1,212	8,066	24	-
Anchorage, Alaska.....	36	2	29	-	4	3	-	-	216	19	93	-	71	52	-	-
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	471	118	70	-	40	334	27	-	4,924	1,139	99	-	1,293	3,342	191	-
Great Falls, Mont.....	23	23	22	1	-	(Z)	-	(Z)	235	235	231	(Z)	-	3	-	1
Pembina, N. Dak.....	20	20	20	-	(Z)	-	-	-	168	168	161	-	7	-	-	-
Minneapolis, Minn.....	98	77	11	-	18	69	-	-	837	693	139	-	65	634	-	-
Detroit, Mich.....	2,662	2,374	254	1	2,351	55	1	1	6,747	5,833	734	1	5,519	489	(Z)	3
Chicago, Ill.....	4,884	1,902	526	2	3,476	849	3	29	47,060	18,238	9,120	28	30,144	6,564	83	1,120
Cleveland, Ohio.....	116	8	69	-	46	1	-	-	713	62	324	-	384	6	-	-
St. Louis, Mo.....	154	111	3	-	116	35	-	-	1,464	456	6	-	1,070	387	-	-
San Juan, P.R.....	1,584	709	1,131	304	148	(Z)	-	1	2,666	1,047	1,363	327	968	(Z)	-	8
Miami, Fla.....	8,452	3,053	3,763	4,325	323	34	-	7	21,324	11,167	8,030	5,795	7,206	223	-	71
Houston, Tex.....	508	271	167	12	185	20	(Z)	123	4,556	1,126	1,056	72	1,839	1,086	1	502
Washington, D.C.....	729	674	53	(Z)	672	5	-	(Z)	11,546	10,153	25	2	10,811	55	-	654
All other districts....	61	15	39	1	22	(Z)	(Z)	-	344	103	103	2	230	9	1	-
Shipments under $251...	8,444	(NA)	1,472	526	3,876	2,201	74	131	10,295	(NA)	1,794	641	4,726	2,683	90	160

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